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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY, LABOR AND ECONOMIC GROWTH
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ADMINISTRATION(S)

On October 1, 2009, the Office of the State Archaeologist and the State Historic Preservation Office were transferred to the Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA) of the Department of Energy, Labor and Economic Growth under Executive Order 2009-36, "Abolishing the Department of History, Arts, and Libraries". This was the first step in Gov. Granholm's efforts to reduce the number of departments in state government.

The dispositions of some of the other agencies of the Michigan Historical Center were as follows:

Michigan History Magazine to the Historical Society of Michigan;

To the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) went: Michigan Historical Museum (and its field museums), the State Archives, Michigan Historical Marker Program, Mackinac Island State Park Commission, Underwater Salvage and Preserve Committee, and the state-funded program at the Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary, including Maritime Archaeologist Wayne Lusardi.

On March 4, 2010, the Governor issued Executive Order 2010-2 creating the Michigan Finance Authority in the Department of Treasury. This order brings together 10 separate public finance authorities, agencies, and commissions having the ability to finance and otherwise assist certain public and private facilities and activities. At 12:01 AM on May 30, 2010, our adoptive agency, MSHDA, OSA and SHPO will become agents of the Department of Treasury. Three departments in nine months. These are surely interesting times!

Our new colleagues at MSHDA and Director of MSHDA, Keith Molin, have been very welcoming and have made every effort to integrate our unique needs, talents and responsibilities into their administrative structure.

Despite the administrative changes, our offices and collections remain in the same building. Even better, after almost two years of displacement to the 3rd floor because of building repairs, we are now back in our original offices on the 5th and 4th floors of the Library and Historical Center.

REVIEW AND COMPLIANCE

In conjunction with the State Historic Preservation Office, Halsey and Anderson reviewed over 1500 federally-assisted projects (Halsey-1343, Anderson- ca. 100 reports

and 120 projects) to ensure that archaeological sites would be avoided and protected. At the state level, Barbara Mead reviewed about 650 actions, including state forest activities, oil and gas leases, and metallic mineral leases covering 22 square miles.

The number of federally assisted projects reviewed during this reporting period has increased, but the potential for most of these projects to affect archaeological sites remains low, because most of them involve improvements to existing infrastructure.

Some of the larger or more long-term projects included: the Silver Lake Reservoir project in Marquette County, the Bois Blanc Island Airport project, the Marathon Oil pipeline project in southeastern Michigan, the Fermi 3 project in Monroe County, and the Pentwater Rapid Infiltration Basin project in Oceana County.

In addition, two mining projects that are not Section 106 projects, but may yet fall under 106 in the future, are the Kennecott project in Marquette County, and the Aquila Back Forty project in Menominee County. Over the course of the past several years, these projects have consumed more staff time and resources than any Section 106 project, and continue to do so.

DNR Parks and Recreation Division

The OSA continues to work with other state agencies to promote cultural resource awareness and protection. Notably, the Stewardship Unit of the DNR Parks and Recreation Division and the Forest, Mineral and Fire Management Division routinely consult with us on development projects within their jurisdiction. In this reporting period OSA staff conducted field checks at Muskalonge Lake State Park, Two-Hearted River Boat Launch, Houghton Lake State Forest, Waterloo State Park, and Interlochen State Park.

COLLECTIONS AND SITE FILE

NAGPRA Final Rule

We are studying the recently released Final Rule for the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act. This rule provides regulations governing the disposition of culturally unidentifiable human remains. We expect to begin compliance with these regulations once they go into effect this May.

New Accessions to Collections

We added 17 accessions this year. The most significant consisted of the collections and associated documents of the late Dr. Susan Schacher, donated by the River of History Museum in Sault Ste. Marie. The bulk of the collection is comprised of the results of several seasons of excavation at Fort Brady.

We also added collections resulting from a survey in Rush Lake State Game Area by Harold Thompson and John O'Shea in 1991, three CRM projects in Newaygo, Oceana and Alcona counties, and 12 donations of shipwreck-related objects.

Loans

We made 8 loans of artifacts. Three were for research purposes, and five were for exhibits or displays.

Cataloging

Two student interns, Amanda Brooks from WMU and Valarie Cischke of Oakland University, plus volunteer Breana Cronk, cataloged artifacts from Fort Custer in Calhoun and Kalamazoo counties. Together they cataloged 2350 artifacts.

Site File

We added over 150 sites to the site file, mostly from the Western UP and Leelanau County. We updated information on 640 sites.

This year we were able to hire two part-time student assistants to help with site file processing. They are graduate students Jessica Yann of MSU and Amanda Brooks of WMU.

STATE MUSEUM: FIELD SITES AND EXHIBITS

Logging camp artifacts were loaned to the MHM for an exhibit at Hartwick Pines State Park.

MICHIGAN ARCHAEOLOGY DAY

The 2009 Michigan Archaeology Day was held on October 10 at the Michigan Historical Museum. Over 300 visitors of all ages attended to hear lectures, see displays and throw atl-atl darts. We are planning another Archaeology Day to be held next October. Anyone who would like to provide a display, activity or lecture should contact Barb Mead by August 1.

Michigan Archaeology Month has been discontinued due to lack of sponsors for events.

STATE FOREST PROJECT

This two-year project was completed. A planning document, "Improving Cultural Resource Management on Michigan State Forest Lands", was submitted to DNR in 2009, along with a final report for the entire project. Other project products were described last year. This project was funded by the Michigan Forest Finance Authority. It would never have been completed without the able services of Project Manager William Rutter, Project Technician Sarah Surface-Evans, and field assistant Jacob Foss.

PUBLIC SERVICE AND OUTREACH

Anderson:

Nominated the Corktown project in Detroit for a Governor's Award for Historic Preservation. The project, conducted by Tom Killion and Wayne State University, received the award during a ceremony in the Capitol rotunda on May 5th.
Reviewed Byron Sudbury's book *Politics of the Fur Trade: Clay Tobacco Pipes at Fort Union Trading Post (32W117)* for *Historical Archaeology*.
Contributed to a proposed article on the Battle Point site for the Peg Holman festschrift.

Halsey:

Article in the May/June 2009 *Michigan History Magazine*, Ancient Pits of the Copper Country
Article in Summer 2009 *Michigan History for Kids*, Clues to the Past
Paper at the Midwest Archaeological Conference, The "Michigan Relics": America's Longest Running Archaeological Fraud
Paper at the Society for Historical Archaeology annual meeting, symposium honoring Leland G. Ferguson
Lecture on prehistoric Lake Superior copper mining at Hopewell Culture National Historical Park
Lecture on Mississippian copper usage at the Illinois State Museum
Lecture on Mississippian copper usage at the University of Michigan Museum of Anthropology
Lecture on maritime archaeology, University of Michigan
Designated as MSHDA's representative on the Great Lakes Wind Council
Annual reports to the Michigan Archaeological Society and the Conference on Michigan Archaeology
Consultant for a video documentary on the "Michigan Relics"
Coordinator of the Governor John B. Swainson Award

Mead:

Acts as OSA liaison to the Michigan Archaeological Society.